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SIR:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 2, 2004
OFFICE ACTION, PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME, AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued April 2, 2004 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the April 2, 2004 Office Action was due July 2, 2004. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from July 2, 2004 to October 2, 2004. However, since October 2, 2004 falls on a Saturday, the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, i.e. Monday, October 4, 2004, is considered timely under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. The fee for a three-month extension of time is \$980.00 and a check including this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, a response to the April 2, 2004 Office Action is now due October 2, 2004 and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows: